REMARKS

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted, REED SMITH, LLP

August 22, 2003

By:

Gerald H. Kiel - Reg. No. 25,116 599 Lexington Avenue, 29th Floor New York, NY 10022

Tel. (212) 521-5403

JEG:dej